

## R E M A R K S

The application and the material cited to date have been carefully reviewed along with Examiner's remarks in the Office action. After this review, Applicant is convinced that his claimed composition and articles are novel and patentable. Applicant strongly believes that his application embodies a significant discovery, that the claims define the invention in a clear and definite manner, and that all of the amended claims are allowable.

This paper is a substitute of the amended claims of 2/15/04 correcting status identifiers as requested in Notice of 3/15/04.

Claims 1-22 are pending in the case. Claims 1-4 and 7 are non-elected inventions and withdrawn from consideration. Claims 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, and 22 are amended, claim 9 is original, claims, 10 and 19 were previously amended. All the claims amended are not for reason of prior art. The amended claims are for correction of transcription error, removal of redundancies, for consistency and better reading. All amendments do not involve any new matter. The amended claims are supported by the original application and claims as original filed. The amendments only require cursory review.

Applicant only found claims 20, 21, and 22 to recite trademarks.

Therefore, Applicant assume that the rejection under 35 USC 112 of paper 8 of 10/15/03 is directed to these three claims (and no other) for recitation of trademarks. Applicant is most appreciative to the Office for pointing out that although several of the original claims recite trademarks as being sources, there is the possibility that such recitation may be read into the claims as limitations which is not the intent of Applicant. Therefore, for the sake of anyone mistakenly reading the trademarks as being limiting and having the claims to be read to their fullest and broadest as supported by the original teachings of the specification and claims as filed, Applicant has amended claims 20, 21, and 22 and removed the objected trademarks so as not to limit unnecessary the claims in any way. It is understood that the amendments are not for purpose of any prior

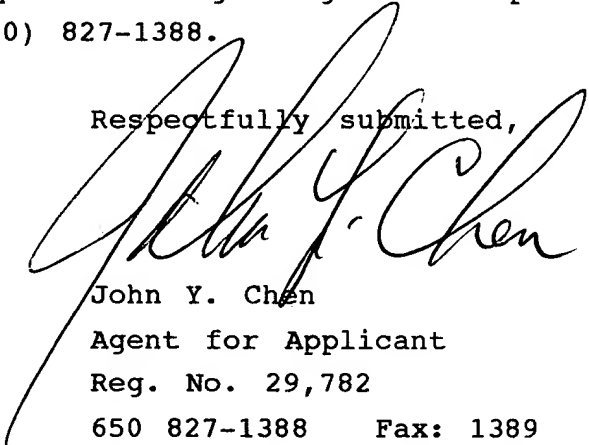
art and are for purpose of clarity and of an un-limiting nature only. Consequently, the Official objection or rejection under 35 USC 112 should be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant request that the rejection of the pending claims be withdrawn.

This paper is being filed within the one month for response of the Official Notice of 3/15/04.

Should Examiner have any questions regarding this response, Applicant can be reached at (650) 827-1388.

Respectfully submitted,

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